## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

Figs. [[Fig.]] 3A-C [[shows]] show the steps of preparation in an example.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

<u>Figs.</u> [[Fig.]] 5A-D [[shows]] <u>show</u> the steps of preparation in an example.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

Figs. [[Fig.]] 7A-E [[shows]] show the steps of preparation in an example.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 11, with the following amended paragraph:

<u>Figs.</u> [[Fig.]] 8<u>A-F</u> [[shows]] <u>show</u> the steps of preparation in an example.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

Figs. [[Fig.]] 10A-D [[shows]] show the steps of preparation in an example.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

Figs. [[Fig.]] 12A-D [[shows]] show the steps of preparation in an example.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

Figs. [[Fig.]] 19A-B [[is]] are an illustrative drawing showing the mechanism of crystallization of a silicon film.